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NOTIFICATION

G.O.(P).No.29/2026/TAXES *Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 18th February, 2026*

S. R. O. No. 218/2026

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 2 of the Kerala Public Services Act, 1968 (19 of 1968) and in supersession of all the existing rules and orders on the subject, the

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Government of Kerala hereby make the following Special Rules for the Kerala Registration Service, namely:—

RULES

1. *Short title and commencement*.— (1) These rules may be called the Special Rules for the Kerala Registration Service, 2026.

(2) They shall come into force at once.

2. *Constitution.*— The service shall consist of the following categories of officers, namely:—

Category (1) : Inspector General of Registration

Category (2) : Joint Inspector General of Registration

Category (3) : Deputy Inspector General of Registration

Category (4): Assistant Inspector General of Registration /District Registrar (General) / District Registrar (Audit)

Category (5) : Amalgamated Sub Registrar/ Sub Registrar/Joint Sub

Registrar/Inspector of Chits/Auditor of Chits/Senior Superintendents/Chitty Prosecuting Inspector/Cashier.

3. *Unit of Appointment*.— For the purpose of appointment, seniority, discharge for want of vacancies, reappointment, appointment as full members and for postings and transfers, the State shall be the unit, for all categories enumerated in rule 2.

4. *Method of Appointment*.— Appointment to various categories mentioned in column (2) of the Table below shall be made as per the method of appointment specified against them in column (3) thereof namely:—

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TABLE

Sl.No	*Category*	*Method of Appointment*
(1)	(2)	(3)
1	Inspector General of Registration	Cadre post of IAS
2	Joint Inspector General of Registration	By promotion from category 3
3	Deputy Inspector General of Registration	By promotion from category 4
4	Assistant Inspector General of Registration/District Registrar (General)/District Registrar (Audit)	By Promotion from category 5
5	Amalgamated Sub Registrar/Sub Registrar/Joint Sub Registrar /Inspector of Chits/Auditor of Chits/ Senior Superintendents/Chitty Prosecuting Inspector /Cashier	(1) Appointment By transfer from the category of Junior Superintendent in the Department of Registration; (2) In the absence of qualified persons under item (1) above, Appointment by transfer from the category of Head Clerk in the Department of Registration.

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Note:- (1) Fourteen seniormost Sub Registrars, against whom no disciplinary action for major penalty is pending, shall be posted as Amalgamated Sub Registrars in the Sub Registrar Offices at fourteen District Head Quarters which are amalgamated with the Offices of the District Registrar (General).

(2) Promotion or appointment by transfer to Categories 2,3,4 and 5 above shall be made from corresponding select lists prepared on the basis of merit and ability. Seniority being considered only when merit and ability are approximately equal. Persons included in the select lists shall be ranked in the order of seniority.

(3) The select lists shall be prepared by the Departmental Promotion Committee constituted according to Rule 28, sub-rule (b), clause (i) of Part II of Kerala State and Subordinate Services Rules, 1958.

5. *Appointing Authority*.— The appointing authority in respect of categories 1 to 4 shall be the Government and for the category 5 shall be the Inspector General of Registration.

6. *Probation*.— Every person appointed to any of the categories, except category 1, shall, from the date on which the person joins duty, be on probation for a total period of six months on duty within a continuous period of one year.

7. *Tests*.— No person shall be eligible for appointment to any of the categories by promotion or by transfer unless the person has passed the Manual of Office Procedure Test, Account Test (Lower) and the Kerala Registration Test.

K R JYOTHILAL I.A.S,

Additional Chief Secretary to Government

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Explanatory Note

(This does not form part of the notification, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

The Special Rules for the Kerala Registration Service was published under notification G.O.(P) No. 135/74/TD. dated 6th November, 1974, as S.R.O. No. 831/74 in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No. 767 dated 12th November, 1974. The post of Inspectors of Registration Offices and Personal Assistant to the Inspector General of Registration have been re-designated as Deputy Inspector General of Registration and Joint Inspector General of Registration respectively. The Government have unified the posts of Sub Registrar and Sub Registrar Senior Grade vide G.O.(Ms.) No.404/96/(90)/Fin dated 20th May, 1996. The above changes necessitated revision of existing special rules. Hence the Government have decided to frame Special Rules for the Kerala Registration Service in supersession of the existing rules for the various categories of post in the said service.

The notification is intended to achieve the above object.

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